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Washington, DC 20231

Inventor(s): Daniel A. Japuntich et al.

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Group Art Unit: 3761

Filed: April 18, 2001

Examiner: Aaron J. Lewis

Title: FILTERING FACE MASK THAT HAS A NEW EXHALATION VALVE

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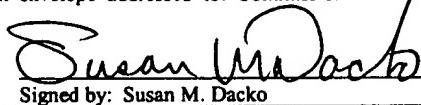
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Signed by: Susan M. Dacko

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 1, 2002, please amend this application as set forth below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 34, 43, 45, 47, 48, 51-54, and 60-63.

Kindly amend claims 33, 35-42, 44, 46, 49-50, 55-58, and 64 as follows:

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